

In the Cover Sheet of the Patent:

Please replace the paragraph at item [63] under the heading "**Related U.S. Application Data**" with the following paragraph:

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No. 5,788,595, which is a continuation-in-part of application No.

08/574,845, Dec. 19, 1995, Pat. No. 5,632,700, which is a continuation-in-

part of application No. 349,019, Dec. 2, 1994, Pat. No. 5,484,342.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at column 9, lines 7-22 with the following paragraph:

-- The reinforcing ribbon 14 is disposed in a flat disposition in a bed of a quick setting adhesive 25 proximate the bottom wall of channel 18 and extends within channel 18 around the entire interior of belt 10 such that the extended ends 14' and 14" of the ribbon 14 abut each other within channel 18. To [maximize] minimize any imbalance of belt 10, ribbon ends 14' and 14" abut each other directly across the formed loop from the abutting ends 12' and 12" of the outer length of belt material 12. The adhesive 25 is injected into channel 18 during the formation of the belt to secure the reinforcing ribbon to the outer length of belt material 12. A small amount of adhesive can also be applied to the ends 12' and 12" of belt length 12 to secure together the mating ends 12' and 12" of the outer length of belt material in a smooth and continuous joint. It has been found, however, that it is not necessary to the integrity of belt 10 to adhere the mating ends 12' and 12" with adhesive. --